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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There has been no such request."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I wish to know from the Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition whether we can ration supplementary questions—that is, one question for one Member."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I think, Sir, you can exercise your discretion."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I am doing it. But would it not be better if a rule is made? "

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" We can make it later, Sir, after consultations."

Construction of an anicut across Varaganathi at Puthupalayam, Gingee taluk.

* 559 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to construct an anicut in the Varaganathi at Puthupalayam in Gingee taluk, South Arcot district?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" There is no such proposal."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Will the Government give permission to the ryots to construct an anicut in Varaganathi with their own money and labour and will they give directions to the department concerned accordingly? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" There is no such proposal at present. If the hon. Member wants to make any representation let him make it to me in writing."

Recognition of the Homœopathic system of medicine.

* 560 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether this Government have considered the proposal of giving recognition to Homœopathic system of medicine in this State; and

(*b*) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government have considered the question, and have decided not to recognize it as a working system of Medicine."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :—" May I know why? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government consider that we should content ourselves with practitioners in Modern Medicine and in Indigenous Medicine."

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• SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" While the Bombay Government have recognized Homœopathic Medicine, why not our Government also recognize it which is cheaper and has been practised in villages up till now? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Homœopathic medical practitioners should have proper medical training just like other Modern medical practitioners. This is what happens in England and other countries of Europe."

SRI ANTHONY PETER :—" Are not the Government aware of the fact that the Allopathic system is capable of killing more number of patients than the Homœopathic system which is more effective, less costly and absolutely harmless? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" That is the opinion of a Member, Sir. It is not the view of modern Medical Science."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" From the reply of the Hon. the Minister it is clear that the Government are worried about lack of training for Homœopathic practitioners. If that is so, will the Government introduce a course of training for these practitioners? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is no such proposal."

SRI E. L. RAGHAVA MUDALIAR :—" Will the Government think of introducing such a course in future at least? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already stated what the opinion of the Government in the matter is."

Representation from the workers of Buckingham and Carnatic Mills, Madras.

• 561 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the workers of Buckingham and Carnatic Mills, Madras, complaining that they have to work in the night shift from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. continuously for more than 5 hours in contravention of the provisions of the Factories Act; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir.

Due to staggering restrictions imposed on the supply of power to the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills in the evening hours, the workers had to work for more than 5 hours at a stretch in the second shift. The restrictions have since been relaxed and the working hours of the night shift workers have now been refixed in conformity with the provisions of section 55 of the Factories Act, 1948."